

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.*First Counselor in the First Presidency*

Elder Orval W. Adams will now give the report of the Church Auditing Committee.

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"President Heber J. Grant and Counselors
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Dear Brethren:

We have examined the Financial Report of the Church for the year 1941. The accounting system is modern, the records are complete and accurate. The many activities have been handled at a minimum of expense. The budget is in balance. The properties of the Church are clear of encumbrance, and the Church is free of debt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Church Auditing Committee"

ANNUAL REPORT

President David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency read the Annual Report, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1941:

STAKE AND WARD PURPOSES

For the erection of meeting-houses and for ward and stake maintenance expenses..\$1,892,335.54

MISSIONARY WORK

For the maintenance and operation of missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions 641,050.10

EDUCATION

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system 895,452.57

TEMPLES

Expended for the maintenance, operation, and construction of temples 515,269.82

HOSPITALS

Expended for the erection and maintenance of hospital buildings (included in Church Welfare program).. 13,105.36

RELIEF ASSISTANCE

For direct aid in the care of the needy and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment. (From tithing funds only. Included in Church Welfare program) 462,822.02

Total\$4,420,035.41

Which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, mission activities, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for hospital buildings and relief assistance.

CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

Church membership, stakes and missions	892,080
Number of Church members who paid voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions to help the needy:	
In wards	155,877
In missions	15,980
Total	171,857

Percent of Church membership who paid fast offerings and welfare contributions	26.3%
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Amount of voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In wards:	
Fast offerings	\$ 573,633.53
Welfare contributions received by bishops	87,191.76
In missions:	
Fast offerings	21,532.68
Total (all expended for relief)	\$ 682,357.97

Disbursed to the needy by the Relief Society for direct assistance in their homes and for general welfare purposes, such as surgical appliances and preventive and corrective health work

	\$ 96,898.83
For carrying on the general, welfare, and educational program of the Relief Society	349,763.82

Expended from the tithes for general and local relief

	326,292.53
Expended directly by the Church Welfare committee	\$ 136,529.49

Expended for hospital care of the sick in addition to the amount reported disbursed from the tithes

	90,918.89
Total	\$1,682,761.53

124,599 persons received assistance during the year, which is an average of 10,383 per month.

In addition to the foregoing, the following supplies had been assembled and were on hand December 31, 1941, and are available to the needy during the year 1942:

CLOTHING AND BEDDING

8,906 pieces of men's clothing	\$ 5,537.26
13,841 pieces of women's clothing	7,599.15
14,655 pieces of children's clothing	5,812.75
28,744 other articles of clothing	7,797.48
2,249 quilts and blankets	4,827.11
Total	\$ 31,573.75

CANNED AND DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

1,073,610 cans of fruits and vegetables	\$ 109,995.55
37,077 bottles of fruits and vegetables	3,869.38
71,970 cans and bottles of jam, marmalade, etc.	14,348.01
28,861 cans and bottles of meat	6,683.88
92,700 miscellaneous canned goods	9,999.19
57,341 pounds of dried fruits and vegetables	2,760.99
65,089 pounds of miscellaneous foodstuffs	9,632.21
Total	\$ 157,289.21

OTHER PRODUCE

258,561 pounds of flour	\$ 5,224.46
546,935 pounds of potatoes	5,413.32
550,369 pounds of grain	8,701.03
33,199 pounds of fresh meat	4,237.57
263,475 pounds of produce and vegetables	3,702.80
72,001 pounds of miscellaneous	4,076.96
Total	\$ 31,356.14

COAL, WOOD, LUMBER, MISCELLANEOUS

362,600 pounds (181 3/10 ton) coal	\$ 1,093.45
56 cords of wood	431.72
7,341 board feet of lumber	247.46
5,602 miscellaneous articles	1,704.49
Total	\$ 3,477.12

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Total inventory valuation December 31, 1941\$ 223,696.22

Stake and regional storehouses disbursed in 1941, \$290,828.99 of merchandise produced by the Welfare program.

The extent to which the Welfare program is meeting the requirements of the bishops in caring for the needy is indicated by the following percentages:

Food	Percent
Program-produced	65.4
Cash purchases	34.6
Clothing	
Program-produced	58
Cash purchases	42
Fuel	
Program-produced	78.4
Cash purchases	21.6
Other Commodities	
Program-produced	60
Cash purchases	40

334,739.19 bushels of wheat are stored in the Church owned elevators.

FAST OFFERING INFORMATION

Average fast offerings and welfare contribution per capita in wards.....\$1.11

Regions with the highest per capita:

Arizona	\$1.50
Bannock	1.16
Northern California	1.14
Salt Lake	1.14
Southern California	1.14

Stakes with the highest per capita:

Malad	\$2.27
Maricopa	2.00
Sacramento	2.00
South Los Angeles	1.98

Missions with the highest per capita:

Membership less than 1500	
Japan	\$2.29
Brazil78
Argentina63

Membership over 1500

Eastern States50
North Central States43
Northern States37

SUMMARY—CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAM

Expended for the erection, improvement and furnishing of:

Ward and stake buildings.....\$	918,358.91
Mission buildings	160,753.56
Temple buildings	305,426.77
Institutes and seminaries.....	61,787.16
Hospital buildings	4,950.15
Other buildings	19,184.86
Amount raised locally for building improvements.....	948,215.40
Total	\$2,418,676.81

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In addition to the foregoing \$110,347.11 was expended for the erection of a nurses' home and for equipment at the Idaho Falls Hospital, Idaho Falls, Idaho; \$41,669.05 for equipment at the Thomas D. Dee Hospital, Ogden, Utah, and \$6,783.97 for equipment at the Dr. W. H. Groves L. D. S. Hospital, Salt Lake City. Total \$158,800.13.

ORGANIZATION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1941

Number of stakes December 31, 1941: 138 (at the present time 141); 1,106 wards and 118 independent branches, or a total of 1,224 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion. According to the last complete reports, there were 35 missions, 1,002 mission branches and 250 districts. Because of the war, it has been impossible to obtain reports from Europe for the past two years.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Stakes	736,544
Missions	155,536
Total	892,080

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and missions	22,629
Children baptized in the stakes and missions	15,141
Converts baptized in the stakes and missions	7,555

MISSIONARIES

(The following figures include all the lady missionaries.)

Number of long-term missionaries from Zion December 31, 1941.....	2,253
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion December 31, 1941.....	34
Number of local missionaries.....	80

Total number of missionaries in the missions of the Church	2,367
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes	2,399

Total missionaries	4,766
Number of missionaries who received training in the Missionary Home	1,196

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate 33.2 per thousand
Marriage rate 19.6 per thousand
Death rate 5.5 per thousand

EXPENDED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF MISSIONARIES

Collected by wards and paid to missionaries	\$ 76,255.50
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Average cost per missionary 1941, \$32.50 per month or a total of \$390.00 per year per missionary. Average number of missionaries December 31, 1941, 2,180, making the total average expense for the year of\$ 850,200.00

Estimated possible earnings per missionary \$900.00 per year x 2,180, average number of missionaries, make an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of.....\$1,962,000.00

Total estimated contribution of missionaries and their families for the preaching of the gospel.....\$2,888,455.50

WARD AND BRANCH CHANGES AND DEATHS

Changes in Church officers, stake, ward, and branch organizations since last October Conference—1941.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Eugene J. Neff, former bishop of the East Mill Creek Ward, appointed to direct the Joseph Smith Memorial Farm at South Royalton, Vermont, succeeding Angus J. Cannon.

Joseph Christensen, former recorder of the Salt Lake Temple, appointed as Field Supervisor of the Genealogical Society.

NEW MISSION PRESIDENTS

William H. Reeder, Jr., former president of the Mount Ogden Stake, appointed to succeed President Levi Edgar Young of the New England Mission.

Desla S. Bennion, appointed to succeed Nicholas G. Smith as president of the Northwestern States Mission.

CHANGES IN OFFICERS

German E. Ellsworth of Mesa, Arizona, appointed to preside over the newly-formed Northern California Mission with headquarters at No. 5 Buena Vista Terrace, San Francisco, California.

W. W. Seegmiller, former President of the Western States Mission, appointed to succeed John Alden Bowers as president of the Brazilian Mission.

Rufus K. Hardy, of the First Council of Seventy, appointed as temporary president of the Southern California Mission while President Henry H. Blood is on leave of absence.

NEW STAKES ORGANIZED

South Ogden Stake was organized December 7, 1941, by a division of the Mount Ogden Stake and consists of the Ogden 9th, Ogden 14th, Ogden 18th, Ogden 26th, Ogden 27th, Ogden 28th, South Weber, and Uintah Wards. The Mount Ogden Stake is now composed of Ogden 5th, Ogden 12th, Ogden 17th, Ogden 23rd, Ogden 24th, Mount Ogden, and Hyland Wards and the Montello Branch.

The Farr West Stake was organized January 18, 1942, by a division of the North Weber Stake, and consists of Farr West, Harrisville, Marriott, Ogden Tenth (north half), Ogden Fifteenth, Plain City, and Slaterville Wards. The North Weber Stake is now composed of Grouse Creek, Ogden Third, Ogden Tenth (south half), Ogden Sixteenth, Taylor, Warren, West Weber, and Wilson Wards and the West Warren Branch.

Lakeview Stake was organized March 22, 1942, by a division of the Weber Stake and consists of the Clinton, Hooper, Kanesville, Riverdale, and Roy Wards. The Weber Stake is composed of Ogden First, Ogden Second, Ogden Eleventh, Ogden Nineteenth, and Ogden Twenty-second Wards.

STAKE PRESIDENTS CHOSEN

William W. Owens chosen president of the Cache Stake, to succeed Alma Sonne.

John D. Hill chosen president of the Oquirrh Stake, to succeed President H. Edward Sutton.

Thomas B. Croft chosen president of the Big Horn Stake, to succeed President Archie R. Boyack.

Paul R. Wynn chosen president of the Oneida Stake, to succeed President George E. Burgi.

Earl S. Paul chosen president of the Mount Ogden Stake, to succeed President William H. Reeder, Jr.

William J. Critchlow, Jr., chosen president of the newly-organized South Ogden Stake.

George Sylvester Heiner chosen president of the Morgan Stake, to succeed President M. Howard Randall.

Harold R. Morris chosen president of the Deseret Stake, to succeed President Joseph T. Finlinson.

Jesse M. Walker chosen president of the Alpine Stake, to succeed President Clifford E. Young.

Wilmer J. Maw chosen president of the newly-organized Farr West Stake.

Thomas O. Smith chosen president of the North Weber Stake, to succeed President Thomas M. Irvine.

Joel Garrett Sedgwick chosen president of the San Bernardino Stake, to succeed President Albert L. Larsen.

Twelve, died December 23, 1941.

Jacob F. Gates, four times filled a mission for the Church, former superintendent of the Church Sugar Plantation at Laie; oldest living alumnus of the University of Utah, died January 22, 1942.

Guy C. Wilson, noted Church educator, died January 27, 1942.

Miss Ann Nebeker, former member of the Y. W. M. I. A. and Primary General Boards; director of the Deseret Gymnasium and L. D. S. Children's Hospital at the time of her death, January 21, 1942.

Miss Agnes Campbell, former member of the Y. W. M. I. A. General Board for nearly 50 years, former business manager of

the *Young Woman's Journal*, died February 19, 1942.

Arthur Welling, former bishop of the Liberty Ward, Liberty Stake; Garland Ward, Bear River Stake; former president of the North Central States Mission, died March 8, 1942.

Campbell M. Brown, member of the Church Welfare Committee, died March 21, 1942.

BISHOPS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY WHILE IN THE SERVICE

Bishop David C. Gardner, Lund Ward, Nevada Stake, died October 13, 1941, after having served over 1½ years.

Singing by the congregation, "O Ye Mountains High" (Hymn Book, page 376).

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

THESE are days of so much confusion and misunderstanding, that we think it well to give some statistics covering matters not directly touched in the regular annual report. In considering what follows it should be remembered that the Church—in its wards and stakes—has only some 736,000 members, including men, women, and children.¹

The Church is trying to do its full share in supporting quasi-governmental charitable and semi-charitable institutions. For example, the Church is one of the largest if not the largest single contributor to the Community Chest in the Salt Lake area and has been for years. It has on occasion taken a similar position in other areas.

We are the largest single contributor in this area to the Red Cross. In addition to our Red Cross local contributions, we have given to the national Red Cross in Washington very large sums, and expect to add to these from time to time.

In so far as contributions towards foreign sufferers in war-ridden countries is concerned, we have sent considerable sums (running into thousands of dollars) to those countries to help our needy Church membership there and have made available for charitable purposes considerable local funds in those countries.

We were arranging to bear the expense of bringing here refugee children from Europe, and of caring for them after their arrival, but the hazards of war stopped the movement of children to this country.

We have made a sizable contribution in furtherance of the effort to stamp out social diseases in and around our army camps.

We have made contributions (also running into thousands of dollars) direct to foreign governmental agencies to assist them in caring for the war-distressed.

Our women are aiding, through our Relief Society, in sewing and other activities, in behalf of our soldiers and our poor and needy.

So far as looking after the poor and needy of the Church, a problem that promises to become increasingly difficult because we must face the possibility soon of adding many to that unfortunate class, the record and achievement of our Welfare plan speak with no uncertain voice. These reports have just been read and it is unnecessary to repeat them here, more than to say that for these welfare purposes—many of which are usually called charitable by others—we expended during 1941 a total of almost \$2,000,000, of which sum \$290,828 was raised by purely welfare projects, that is, by gratuitous serv-

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ice to welfare agencies. This does not include the really large amount furnished in neighbor to neighbor help, nor the aid given through the Priesthood quorums to their members.

In the matter of public—that is national—financing, the Church is doing at least its full, even to a bounteous, share.

The Church itself and the three banks and one insurance company which it controls, own outright more than \$17,500,000 worth of government bonds, long and short term, which is more than \$23.77 for every man, woman, and child in the wards and stakes of the Church. This takes no account of the private holdings of the people which will run into considerable figures, though as the bulk of our people are moderately circumstanced, their private holdings will likewise be moderate. We feel this is a very large contribution, but we anticipate it will be somewhat increased later. In saying this, we wish to emphasize that the Church is not only not enormously wealthy but is, on the contrary, as moderately circumstanced as its members. It has no holdings of railroad bonds or stocks, nor of national industrial stocks. Its bond and stock investments, moderate as they are, are almost exclusively confined to local industries which it helped to establish, and which are almost wholly owned by local people.

The Church membership has furnished at least its full quota to the armed service of the United States, if the newspaper estimates of the present size of our army are even approximately accurate.

A survey just now completing shows that out of a total Church membership of 531,626, concerning which we have complete returns,* there have been 3,847 inducted into the service through local boards; 5,335 have volunteered into the United States army and navy, and 395 into the armed forces of other countries, 2,161 have entered our own armed service as members of national guard units; 488 have entered the service as reserve officers; while 13,578 are employed in defense industries. This

gives a total of 12,226 Church members for the armed service, and for both armed service and defense work a total of 25,804 Church members.*

A disturbing factor in our returns is this—they seem to show that a disproportionate number are being taken from rural communities for the fighting service. A survey of certain rural wards shows that out of a Church population of 389,178 some 9,131 were taken into the army and navy. Out of an urban population of 113,280, there were 2,278 who went into the armed forces.

This disparity between rural and urban participation will probably be eliminated as time goes on.

There appears to be a like disparity between the numbers engaged in defense works, the cities contributing more than the country. It may be assumed that this difference will also disappear.

From any point of view, it may be confidently stated that the members of the Church and the Church itself are making their full proportionate contribution in the present emergency.

*Note: The total membership of 892,080 includes the missions in America and abroad. (See page 296.) Ed.

*Note: It should be emphasized that these figures do not represent the entire Church contribution to these activities but only a partial return based on 531,626 members.

*Note: On the basis of this statistical sample, complete returns for the total 736,544 membership in the wards and stakes of the Church would approximate 5,329 inducted into the service through local boards; 7,391 who have volunteered into the U. S. army and navy; 547 into the armed forces of other countries; 2,993 who have entered our own armed service as members of national guard units; 676 who have entered the service as reserve officers; 18,810 employed in defense industries. This gives a total of 16,936 from the wards and stakes in the armed service, and for both armed service and defense industries a total of 35,746 Church members.

Likewise, these figures would also indicate that complete returns for the entire Church membership of wards, stakes, and missions would approximate 6,455 inducted into service through local boards; 8,952 who have volunteered into the U. S. army and navy; 662 into the armed forces of other countries; 3,626 who have entered our own armed service as members of national guard units; 818 who have entered service as reserve officers; 22,783 men employed in defense industries. This gives a total of 20,513 Church members for the armed service, and for both armed service and defense work, a total of 43,296 Church members.

The impressiveness of this contribution on the part of fewer than nine hundred thousand people will be appreciated by those who take time to compare these figures with the per capita contribution of the nation as a whole.—Ed.